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**Office Action Summary**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 March 2005.  
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.  
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.  
7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-20 are pending.
2. Claims 1,15,16, and 19 have been amended.

### ***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments filed 09 March 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. Referring to the rejection of claims 1,15, and 19, the Applicant contends and argues that the prior art Clark does not teach nor disclose the claims which clearly state "the user servicing station transmits to the registered user the actual decryption key", see page 10. The Examiner respectfully disagrees and asserts that in response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., registered user and decryption key) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).
3. Referring to the rejection of claim 4, the Applicant contends and argues that the prior art Clark does not teach nor disclose a decryption key being coded, and the registered user uses the registration key to decode the decryption key as recited in claim 4, see page 10. The Examiner respectfully disagrees and asserts that in response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., registration key and decryption key) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are

interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

4. Referring to the rejection of claim 4, the Applicant contends and argues that the prior art Clark does not teach nor disclose any ability for registered users to actively request the specific delivery of the actual decryption key from a user servicing station, which has full power to refuse the delivery if the user holds a valid registration code, see page 11. The Examiner respectfully disagrees and asserts that in response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., registered users, decryption key, full power to refuse and valid registration code) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

5. Referring to the rejection of claims 3 and 4, the Applicant contends and argues that the prior art Clark does not teach nor disclose supplying an identifier to the user and broadcasting it to various servicing stations to which the user is likely to address a request calling for a decryption key, see page 12. The Examiner respectfully disagrees and asserts that the non-hostile users are supplied an identifier (ground based transmitter) which is used to broadcast signals in which the users request an alternate source of the periodic key. The periodic key is used to access high precision navigational data, See Column 5, lines 36-44 and Column 6, lines 44-52. In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's

invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., decryption key) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

6. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-20 are maintained in view of the reasons above and in view of the reasons below.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Clark (U.S. Patent No. 5, 982, 897). Referring to the rejection of claims 1, 15, and 19, Clark discloses a method and system for satellite positioning using positioning signals which are sent out by the various satellites of a satellite constellation under the control of a set of ground stations from which the satellites receive control signals, and which are available to be picked up by individual user receivers, which method consists essentially: emitting from the set of ground stations periodically renewed direct transformation functions which are addressed respectively to each satellite of the

satellite constellation and applying the direct transformation function received by each satellite to encode the positioning signals emitted therefrom and further upon each request from a user receiver addressed to a user servicing station, verifying that it has right to a privileged-user status and in the event that the verification is positive, addressing to the user receiver reverse transformation functions that are the satellites from which it receives positioning signals, whereby the reverse transformation functions constitute an interpretation key for interpreting the positioning signals by applying the reverse transformation functions for decoding them in Column 4, lines 33-65.

As per claim 2, Clark discloses the claimed limitation wherein each request from a user receiver calling for the interpretation key includes a copy of the latest coded positioning signals it has picked up from the satellites, and the verification of the privileged-user status comprises the sub-stages consisting in decoding the coded positioning signals included in the request, in deducing therefrom the position of the receiver and in verifying that this position is in conformity with the route plan in Column 3, lines 50-67, Column 4, lines 1-10.

As per claim 3, Clark discloses the claimed limitation wherein an identifier is supplied to the user during a mission declaration by this user, and wherein the identifier is broadcast to various user servicing stations to which the user receiver is likely to address a request calling for the interpretation key in Column 5, lines 36-44.

As per claim 4, Clark discloses the claimed limitation wherein supplying an encryption code to the user during a mission declaration by this user, and wherein the user

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servicing station receiving the request uses the encryption code to send the interpretation key to the user receiver in Column 7, lines 1-14.

As per claim 5, Clark discloses the claimed limitation wherein the encryption code is used for an authentication process carried out by the privileged-user receiver by comparison between the signal carrying the interpretation key received from the user servicing station in response to the request and the encryption code, the latter being known to the privileged user in Column 6, lines 33-39.

As per claim 6, Clark discloses the claimed limitation wherein comprising a preliminary stage of invoicing the user benefiting from the privileged-user status in Column 6, lines 39-43.

As per claim 7, Clark discloses the claimed limitation wherein in order to ensure verification of authenticity and integrity of the positioning signals interpreted, a comparison is carried out by the privileged-user receiver between the signals received from the satellites and the signals received from the services station processing the request, in order thereby to verify the presence of the same specific fragment respectively accompanying the positioning signals sent out by each satellite and the interpretation key addressed to the user receiver in response to its request in Column 5, lines 57-63, Column 6, lines 28-43.

As per claim 8, Clark discloses the claimed limitation wherein including in each request calling for the interpretation key sent by the privileged-user receiver, a copy of the latest positioning signals received by the receiver in their transformed form, decoding at the ground stations the transformed positioning signals included in the request, and

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deducing the position of the receiver therefrom, calculating a degree of precision of the positioning signals as a function of the deduced position and/or of the operational state of the system, and addressing to the receiver an information of the degree of precision thus calculated in Column 7, lines 50-67, Column 8, lines 1-5.

As per claim 9, Clark discloses the claimed limitation wherein each request originating from a plurality of user receivers includes a copy of the latest coded positioning signals received by the receivers, and further comprising decoding the transformed positioning signals included in each request, deducing therefrom the positions of the various corresponding receivers, and addressing to at least some of the user receivers a position information relating to other users among the plurality in Column 7, lines 1-33.

As per claim 10, Clark discloses the claimed limitation wherein each request originating from a plurality of user receivers includes a copy of the latest coded positioning signals received by the receivers, and further comprising decoding the transformed positioning signals included in each request deducing therefrom the positions of the various corresponding receivers, and addressing to a traffic control service a position information relating to the position of at least some of the user receivers among the plurality in Column 5, lines 16-26.

As per claim 11, Clark discloses the claimed limitation wherein a basic interpretation key is delivered to any user having a right to at least a first degree of precision in interpreting the positioning signals, and a supplementary interpretation key granting access to a higher-level quality of service, especially via a better degree of precision, is reserved for the users having the benefit of a second privilege in Column 4, lines 45-65.



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As per claim 12, Clark discloses the claimed limitation wherein each transformation function participating in the definition of the interpretation key is announced to the user servicing stations with an advance in time with respect to its application to the positioning signals sent out by the corresponding satellite in Column 7, lines 50-67, Column 8, lines 1-30.

As per claim 13, Clark discloses the claimed limitation wherein the request signal for the interpretation key sent out by the user receiver and intended for a user servicing station comprises a copy of the positioning signals emitted from a plurality of satellites as received by the user receiver, and wherein the signals thus recopied are processed by the user servicing station applying to them the interpretation key to determine the position of the user receiver for use for recognition of the privileged-user status or for any other monitoring purpose in Column 5, lines 45-56, Column 6, lines 28-53.

As per claim 14, Clark discloses the claimed limitation wherein comprising acquiring again positioning signals by the user receiver from the plurality of satellites after reception of the interpretation key constituted by the set of relevant reverse transformation functions, and applying the latter to the positioning signals newly acquired, and deducing therefrom a new position information, thereby avoiding that movement of the receiver during the propagation of the signals and the processing of the requests result in reducing the precision of the position information in Column 4, lines 11-20.

As per claim 16, Clark discloses the claimed limitation wherein each privileged-user receiver further comprises means for receiving the interpretation key addressed to it

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from the services station in response to its request, and from the services station in response to its request, and calculating means for combining the positioning signals with the interpretation key and deducing therefrom the position information in Column 5. As per claim 17, Clark discloses the claimed limitation wherein the interpretation key consists of defined reverse transformation functions which are the inverse of direct transformation functions applied respectively by the various satellites within range of the user receiver for emitting the positioning signals sent therefrom in Column 5, lines 36-44.

As per claim 18, Clark discloses the claimed limitation wherein means for generating the direct transformation functions to be applied at the satellites for deriving the positioning signals and addressing them to the various satellites for which they are respectively intended, in addition to the usual control signals such as their orbital parameters and synchronization information, and means for calculating the reverse transformation functions and for broadcasting them any user servicing station within the system for using them in deriving and transmitting the interpretation key necessary to each user receiver sending a request to that effect, subject to the verification that the corresponding user is allowed the privileged-user status in Column 4, lines 33-65.

As per claim 20, Clark discloses the claimed limitation wherein means for automatically repeating the emission of the request signal with a predefined periodicity in Column 8, lines 9-43.

***Conclusion***

3. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Courtney D. Fields whose telephone number is 571-272-3871. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs. 6:00 - 4:00 pm; off every Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be reached on 571-272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

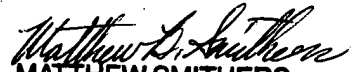
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